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POLAND GETS 100,000 TONS OF SOVIET GRAIN UP TO 1 APRIL 1950

MORE SHIPMENTS UNDER WAY -- Gazeta Handlowa, No 27, 5 Apr 50

Poland had received over 100,000 tons of Soviet grain up to 1 April 1950. Of this amount, 80,000 tons of wheat were for consumption and 7,000 tons for planting. Deliveries of barley and groats totaled 8,000 and 7,500 tons respectively. More shipments are on the way.

REGISTER 280 NEW AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS' COOPERATIVES IN MARCH -- Ezeczpospolita, No 96, 6 Apr 50

There were 802 agricultural producers' cooperatives in Poland as of 31 March 1950, 280 of which were set up during March. The number of agricultural producers' cooperatives registered during 1949 was only 242.

Registration of new agricultural producers' cooperatives during the first three months of 1950 was as follows: January 104, February 176, and March 280.

Szczecin Wojewodztwo doubled the number of its agricultural producers' co-operatives during March 1950, from 58 to 116. During the same month, 46 agricultural producers' cooperatives were set up in Wroclaw Wojewodztwo, and 33 in Gdansk Wojewodztwo.

MAKE ADVANCE PAYMENTS ON CONTRACTS IN KIND -- Rolnik Polski, No 23, 21 Feb 50

Advance payments on contracts made by farmers will be handled this year by the Agriculture Bank branches and local cooperative treasuries. In 1949, credits to finance agricultural contracts were received by contracting organizations, and through them the farmers received advance payments.

The system of advance payments will be simplified, and the banking system will be brought closer to the farmers Advance payments will not bear interest. Because the first advance payment on contracts is allotted for the purchase of

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fertilizers, seeds. and other farm commodities, farmers will receive advance payments for these commodities directly from village Peasant Self-Help Cooperatives. If the advance payment is higher than the value of the commodities, the difference may be paid in cash. Advance payments may be made in cash only if the village cooperatives cannot furnish the contracting farmers with the necessary commodities.

HAIL, FIRE HITS TOBACCO PLANTATIONS -- Rzeczpospolita, No 78, 19 May 50

There are 71,500 tobacco plantations in Poland, located primarily in Bialystok, Pomorze, Slask, Krakow, and Lublin wojewodztwos. In 1949, 22,390 plantations were damaged by severe and frequent hailstorms, and 454 plantations suffered damage from fires. The small number damaged by fire is due to the fireproof buildings used for seasoning tobacco.

Tobacco growers received 266,889,254 zlotys from the General Mutual Insurance Institute as compensation for losses by hail and fire.

Tobacco in Poland is cultivated by small and middle farmers; therefore, the compensation which farmers receive for the damage helps to prevent curtailment of tobacco production.

PEASANT SEIF-HELP COMPLETES HOG CONTRACT -- Rzeczpospolita, No 98, 10 Apr 50

The Peasant Self-Help Cooperatives of Bialystok Wojewodztwo have completed the hog-contracting plan for deliveries in the third quarter of 1950. From 1 January 1950 to 1 April 1950, the Bialystok cooperatives contracted for 30,000 hogs.

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